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CIA Nominee Turner Confirmed by Senate

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The Senate yesterday unanimously confirmed Adm. Stansfield Turner as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Turner, classmate of President Carter at the Naval Academy, won approval by voice vote. He declared during his confirmation hearing Tuesday that he would resign his post if ever given a presidential order he felt was illegal or immoral.

Turner, 53, was Carter's second choice. His first, former Kennedy aide Theodore Sorensen, withdrew from consideration when strenuous opposition developed in the Senate over allegations he used classified material to write a book about the Kennedy years.

The Senate also unanimously approved former Commerce Secretary Elliot L. Richardson to be U.S. negotiator to the Law of the Seas Conference.